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1. ABDUL AJIB AHMAD, POLITICAL SECRETARY TO MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES DATUK MUSA HITAM, IS CURRENTLY VISITING WASHINGTON AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM (IVP). IN ADDITION TO PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS CONVEYED REFTELS, AJIB TOLD US JUST BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE HE IS INTERESTED IN THE SUBJECT OF PRESS RELATIONS. HE THEREFORE HOPES TO MEET U.S. JOURNALISTS AND, IF FEASIBLE, TO ATTEND A PRESS BRIEFING AT THE DEPT.

2. WE HAVE SUGGESTED AJIB VISIT EA/TIMBS AS BOTH HE AND DESK OFFICERS DEALING WITH MALAYSIA WOULD PROBABLY FIND SUCH A MEETING TO BE OF MUTUAL INTEREST. AJIB IS ARTICULATE, WELL-TRAVELLED (HE HAS ALSO VISITED THE USSR AND THE PRC), AND HIS DUTIES AS AN AIDE TO AN IMPORTANT MALAYSIAN POLITICAL FIGURE WHO ADDITIONALLY HAS BEEN MALAYSIA'S CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES MATTERS GIVES HIM NUMEROUS INSIGHTS INTO MALAYSIA'S DOMESTIC POLITICAL PROCESS AND THINKING ON INTERNATIONAL COMMODITIES

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